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1. AT SPC MEETING APRIL 28, UK REP (BAILES) CIRCULATED A UK PAPER  
ON GUIDANCE TO THE AHG REGARDING THE USE OF DATA (TRANSMITTED  
SEPTEL). UK REP SAID THE PAPER WAS OCCASIONED BY THE POSSIBILITY  
THAT THE ALLIES AND THE OTHER SIDE WILL ENGAGE IN A DISCUSSION OF  
DEFINITIONS AND DATA IN THE COMING NEGOTIATING ROUND. UK ASKED  
THAT HIS QUESTION BE PLACED ON SPC AGENDA FOR THE MEETING  
OF MONDAY, MAY 5 AND SPC AGREED. UK REP SAID THAT LONDON ALSO  
BELIEVES THE CLEAR POSSIBILITY OF A DISCUSSION OF DEFINITIONS  
AND DATA IN VIENNA MAKES IT DESIRABLE TO SET ASIDE THE MBFR  
WORKING GROUP'S STUDY ON DATA REQUIRING AGREEMENT WITH THE EAST,  
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WHICH HAD BEEN BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE EAST MIGHT NOT  
AGREE TO SUCH A DISCUSSION (REF A). UK THEREFORE WISHED TO  
PROPOSE THAT THE SPC INSTRUCT THE WORKING GROUP TO SUSPEND ITS  
WORK ON THAT PAPER TEMPORARILY. NETHERLANDS REP (BUWALDA),

WHOSE COUNTRY HAD REQUESTED THE STUDY, SAID HE SAW SOME ADVANTAGE IN THE WORKING GROUP PROCEEDING SO THAT THE ALLIES WOULD AT LEAST KNOW INTERNALLY WHAT DATA WAS NEEDED FOR AGREEMENT WITH THE EAST. HOWEVER, HE WOULD PUT THE UK PROPOSAL TO HIS AUTHORITIES.

2. INTERNATIONAL STAFF ALSO CIRCULATED A COMPENDIUM OF EXISTING NATO GUIDANCE TO THE AHG ON DATA ISSUES, FOR EASE IN REFERENCE ON ANY SPC WORK ON ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE. THIS COMPENDIUM TRANSMITTED SEPTEL.

3. BELGIAN REP (WILLOT) SAID THAT IN HIS OPINION THE AHG NEEDED FLEXIBILITY, AND IN FACT ALREADY HAD THE AUTHORITY TO OFFER REVISED ALLIED DATA IF THE OTHER SIDE WERE PREPARED TO ENTER INTO A SERIOUS RECIPROCAL DISCUSSION OF DATA (SEE SECTION II-3 (2) AND IV OF IS COMPENDIUM REFERRED TO IN PREVIOUS PARA). FRG REP (HOYNCK) WISHED THE AHG TO HAVE FLEXIBILITY, BUT HE QUESTIONED THAT THE CONDITIONS IN THAT NAC GUIDANCE HAD BEEN MET, AND SAID IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO THE AHG FOR THE NAC TO BE CLEAR ON WHETHER THE CONDITIONS HAD BEEN MET. ACTING CHAIRMAN (PABSCH) SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW, THE GUIDANCE REFERRED TO BY BELGIAN REP DID NOT INVALIDATE THE GUIDANCE IN SECTION II-1 OF THE IS COMPENDIUM, WHICH STATED THAT NONE OF THE DATA MAY BE USED WITH THE OTHER SIDE UNTIL THE COUNCIL SO INSTRUCTS.

4. BELGIAN REP NOTED THE UK PAPER'S WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER EXCHANGE OF COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY BREAKDOWN WITH THE OTHER SIDE. HE REMINDED THE SPC OF THE SERIOUS MISGIVINGS OF HIS AUTHORITIES ABOUT SUCH AN EXCHANGE, WHICH COULD PAVE THE WAY TOWARD NATIONAL SUB-CEILINGS. HE EXPECTED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD OPPOSE SUCH AN EXCHANGE FOR A LONG TIME TO COME. FRG REP SAID FRG'S THINKING WAS IN THE SAME DIRECTION AS BELGIUM'S. HOWEVER, NETHERLANDS REP SAID THAT SUCH AN EXCHANGE IN THE LONG RUN MAY BE NECESSARY.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: IN TIME FOR MAY 5 SPC MEETING:  
(A) CONFIRMATION THAT MISSION MAY JOIN A CONSENSUS IN SPC TO INSTRUCT MBFR WORKING GROUP TO SUSPEND TEMPORARILY THE WG  
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STUDY ON WHAT DATA REQUIRES AGREEMENT WITH THE EAST.  
(B) WASHINGTON COMMENTS ON THE UK PAPER ON THE USE OF DATA.  
(C) WASHINGTON VIEWS ON NEED FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE TO AHG WHICH MIGHT BE NECESSARY PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF DISCUSSION OF DEFINITIONS AND DATA IN VIENNA. WE NOTE THAT BEHRENDT, AT THE APRIL 18 AHG BRIEFING OF THE NAC, STATED THAT IF THE EAST DOES MOVE TO A DISCUSSION OF DATA, THE NEED WILL PROBABLY ARISE FOR RAPID GUIDANCE FROM THE NAC, BUT IT IS TOO EARLY TO SAY WHAT KIND OF GUIDANCE IS NEEDED (REF B, PARA 1). BRUCE

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